

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method to inhibit functions of a device by using a mobile remote control means both comprising a wireless interface, said device having a plurality of 5 functions which are controlled by a controller, characterized by

- authenticating of said mobile remote control means,
- transmitting of inhibit rule data from said mobile remote control means to said device via wireless interfaces,
- inhibiting certain functions of said device according to said transmitted 10 inhibit rule data so that said functions are no longer operable by said controller.

15 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said device is able to execute software programs and wherein said function comprises an executable software program or a part thereof.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein said device comprises a content server and said mobile remote control means comprises a corresponding client.

20 4. The method according to claim 3, wherein said content server and client are employed for transmission of said inhibit rule data.

5. The method according to claim 3, wherein said content server uses a markup language content of type hypertext markup language (HTML) or extended hypertext markup language (XHTML) or extensible markup language (XML) or a wireless markup language (WML).

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6. The method according to claim 1, wherein said wireless interface is a Bluetooth interface.

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7. The method according to claim 6, wherein said device and said mobile remote control means employ hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) over Bluetooth and/or transmission control protocol / internet protocol (TCP/IP) and/or wireless application protocol (WAP) over Bluetooth.

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8. The method according to claim 1, wherein a secured communication link is established between the mobile remote control means and the device.

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9. The method according to claim 6, wherein a Bluetooth link key generated from a passkey is used for authenticating the mobile remote control means.

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10. The method according to claim 1, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined access time.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

12. The method according to claim 1, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a 5 predetermined number of accesses.

13. The method according to claim 1, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

10 14. The method according to claim 1, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

15. The method according to claim 1, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

15 16. The method according to claim 2, wherein said device comprises a content server and said mobile remote control means comprises a corresponding client.

20 17. The method according to claim 4, wherein said content server uses a markup language content of type hypertext markup language (HTML) or extended hypertext markup language (XHTML) or extensible markup language (XML) or a wireless markup language (WML).

18. The method according to claim 2, wherein said wireless interface is a Bluetooth interface.

5 19. The method according to claim 3, wherein said wireless interface is a Bluetooth interface.

20. The method according to claim 4, wherein said wireless interface is a Bluetooth interface.

10 21. The method according to claim 5, wherein said wireless interface is a Bluetooth interface.

15 22. The method according to claim 2, wherein a secured communication link is established between the mobile remote control means and the device.

23. The method according to claim 3, wherein a secured communication link is established between the mobile remote control means and the device.

20 24. The method according to claim 4, wherein a secured communication link is established between the mobile remote control means and the device.

25. The method according to claim 5, wherein a secured communication link is established between the mobile remote control means and the device.

26. The method according to claim 6, wherein a secured communication link is 5 established between the mobile remote control means and the device.

27. The method according to claim 7, wherein a secured communication link is established between the mobile remote control means and the device.

10 28. The method according to claim 7, wherein a Bluetooth link key generated from a passkey is used for authenticating the mobile remote control means.

29. The method according to claim 2, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined access time.

15 30. The method according to claim 3, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined access time.

31. The method according to claim 4, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a 20 predetermined access time.

32. The method according to claim 5, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined access time.

33. The method according to claim 6, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined access time.

5 34. The method according to claim 7, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined access time.

35. The method according to claim 8, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined access time.

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36. The method according to claim 9, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined access time.

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37. The method according to claim 2, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

38. The method according to claim 3, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

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39. The method according to claim 4, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

40. The method according to claim 5, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

41. The method according to claim 6, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a 5 predetermined period of time.

42. The method according to claim 7, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

10 43. The method according to claim 8, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

44. The method according to claim 9, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

15 45. The method according to claim 10, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined period of time.

46. The method according to claim 2, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a 20 predetermined number of accesses.

47. The method according to claim 3, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

48. The method according to claim 4, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

5 49. The method according to claim 5, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

50. The method according to claim 6, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

10 51. The method according to claim 7, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

52. The method according to claim 8, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

15 53. The method according to claim 9, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

20 54. The method according to claim 10, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

55. The method according to claim 11, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined number of accesses.

56. The method according to claim 2, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

57. The method according to claim 3, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

10 58. The method according to claim 4, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

59. The method according to claim 5, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

15 60. The method according to claim 6, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

61. The method according to claim 7, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

20 62. The method according to claim 8, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

63. The method according to claim 9, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

5 64. The method according to claim 10, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

65. The method according to claim 11, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

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66. The method according to claim 12, wherein said inhibit rule data comprise a predetermined identification and/or a predetermined classification code.

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67. The method according to claim 2, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

68. The method according to claim 3, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

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69. The method according to claim 4, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

70. The method according to claim 5, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

71. The method according to claim 6, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises
5 predetermined cost information.

72. The method according to claim 7, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

10 73. The method according to claim 8, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

74. The method according to claim 9, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

15 75. The method according to claim 10, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

76. The method according to claim 11, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises
20 predetermined cost information.

77. The method according to claim 12, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

78. The method according to claim 13, wherein said inhibit rule data comprises predetermined cost information.

5 79. The method according to claim 2, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

80. The method according to claim 3, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

10 81. The method according to claim 4, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

15 82. The method according to claim 5, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

83. The method according to claim 6, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

20 84. The method according to claim 7, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

85. The method according to claim 8, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

86. The method according to claim 9, wherein said device retransmits data
5 concerning the use of the functions of the device.

87. The method according to claim 10, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

10 88. The method according to claim 11, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

89. The method according to claim 12, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

15 90. The method according to claim 13, wherein said device retransmits data concerning the use of the functions of the device.

91. The method according to claim 14, wherein said device retransmits data
20 concerning the use of the functions of the device.

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